

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 11, 15 and 18 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-22 are presented for examination. Most of the amendments above are intended to clarify interactions of the invention and eliminate unnecessary limitations.

35 U.S.C. §102 (e) Rejection

Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10-16, 18-20, and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Hind et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,823,454 ("Hind"). Hind shows automatic address assignment that is based on a authenticating a device string.

Claim 1 is amended to clarify that the authenticating is related to registration not to address assignment. This represents a clear distinction from Hind. Claim 11 is similar.

Claims 15 and 18 relate to scrambling. This is also a clear departure from Hind.

The remaining claims depend from one or more of Claims 1, 11, 15, or 18 and accordingly, this rejection is believed to be traversed.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection

Hind and Olin

Claims 5, 9, 17, and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Hind in further view of Olin et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0005878 ("Olin"). Olin is not cited for the features mentioned above with respect to Hind and accordingly, this rejection is believed to be traversed.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Request for an Extension of Time

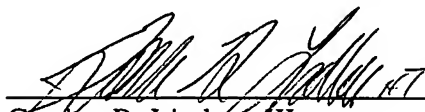
Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

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